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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET

REGISTRATION AND FULFILLMENT SERVICE

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE December 22, 1971

FULL NAME Robert William Gesell  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS 1010 Island Drive Court

CITY Ann Arbor STATE Michigan ZIP CODE 48105

AGE B.D.: 6/2/39 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE 32 (To be used ONLY when exact age is not known)

RELIGION Unknown NATIONALITY U.S. Citizen

OCCUPATION Personnel Office, University of Michigan

EDUCATION College Graduate

WEIGHT Approx. 160 lbs. COLOR Caucassian HEIGHT Approx. 5'9"

COLOR OF HAIR Dark Brown COLOR OF EYES Unknown

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS Soc. Sec. # [REDACTED]

MARRIED OR SINGLE Single CHILDREN None  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

WIFE'S NAME N/A

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	OFFICE	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
T-12	Ann Arbor	Michigan	SA	5/1/71	11/1/71

SPECIAL RECOGNITION Professional Training Program - Western Michigan University

RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIDENTIAL FILE FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

Mr. Gesell actively enticed Scouts of Troop 12, Ann Arbor, Michigan into sexual play. Upon investigation by Scoutmaster, Dr. [REDACTED], Mr. Gesell did not deny being a homosexual.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council Portage Trails Council

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January 5, 1972

Mr. Robert W. Durgin  
Scout Executive  
Portage Trails Council, No. 255

Personal and Confidential  
Re: Robert W. Gesell

Dear Bob:

Thank you for the confidential record sheet concerning  
Robert W. Gesell. We have added this information to our  
file. This will be most helpful for identification purposes  
in the future, should he again try to register in Scouting.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Supervisor  
Registration and Membership

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*From the Desk of—*  
**CHUCK LAMB**

The confidential record sheet  
for Robert Gesell is completed to the  
best of our ability and is attached  
as you requested in your letter of  
November 15, 1971.

*Sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chuck".

Chuck Lamb  
District Scout Executive

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November 15, 1971

Mr. Robert W. Durgin  
Scout Executive  
Portage Trails Council, No. 255

Personal and Confidential  
Re: Robert Gesell  
Ass't. Scoutmaster, Troop 12

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your letter of November 8 and the attached correspondence concerning Robert Gesell. We have placed this information in our file and have taken steps to have his name deleted from our records.

Enclosed is a confidential record sheet which we would appreciate your completing and returning to us as soon as possible. This information will enable us to identify Mr. Gesell, should he ever again attempt to register in the Scouting program.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Supervisor  
Registration and Membership

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End. Record Sheet

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PORTAGE TRAILS COUNCIL  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

2163 west stadium boulevard, ann arbor, michigan 48103

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COUNCIL 255

TELEPHONE 663-8314

November 8, 1971

Mr. Paul I. Ernst, Supervisor  
Registration Services  
Boy Scouts of America  
North Brunswick, New Jersey 08902

Dear Paul:

We are requesting that Robert Gesell be listed in the Confidential File of the Boy Scouts of America, and that he be denied registration in the future.


Attached are copies of correspondence which our District Executive Chuck Lamb received from Troop 12, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

When Dr. [REDACTED], Scoutmaster of Troop 12, investigated the alleged incident, Mr. Gesell would not deny that he is a homosexual and had actively enticed boys of Troop 12 into sexual play.

Also attached is a copy of his recent application with the Boy Scouts of America which will give you personal information about Mr. Gesell.

I sincerely hope you can help us handle this matter in the best and quickest way.

Respectfully,

  
Robert W. Durgin  
Scout Executive

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Serve & Scout in Livingston and Washtenaw Counties



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No. 28-501

# ADULT APPLICATION

☐ PACK NO.  
☐ TROOP NO. 12  
☐ POST NO.  
☐ SHIP NO.

OR ☐ COUNCIL/DISTRICT POSITION

☐ FULLY TRAINED

PLEASE PRINT ONE LETTER IN EACH SPACE

NAME—LEAVE A SPACE BETWEEN FIRST AND LAST NAMES

G E S E L L , R O B E R T W

AGE 32

POSITION S A

UNIT CODE

ADDRESS—STREET OR R.F.D.

1 0 1 0 I S L A N D D R C T

BOYS' LIFE

CHECK ONE

☐ NEW LEADER ☐ FORMER LEADER

CITY

A N N A R B O R MICHIGAN

STATE

MI

ZIP CODE

4 8 1 0 5

DATE

10-11-71

4-7290 Western Mich Univ/Professional Training

Fruit Belt, Kalamazoo State

HOME PHONE PREVIOUS SCOUTING BACKGROUND  
Personnel Office, University of Michigan, 1052 Ad  
Services Bldg, Ann Arbor, Mich 48106

COUNCIL/HOSPITAL

SIGNATURE SEE COVER

SIGNATURE SEE COVER

REGISTRATION FEE 1.00 BOYS' LIFE FEE TERM MONTHS 6  
\$ 1.00 \$ 1.00 0 2 7 2

EXPIRATION DATE  
MONTH YEAR  
0 2 7 2

APPROVAL SEE COVER  
SM.

☐ If you have an unexpired registration certificate from another unit or position, you may register with no fee. Check this box and attach the certificate; it will be returned by the council.

FOR COUNCIL USE

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NATIONAL COPY

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Mr. Charles Lamb,

I am sorry to have to bring to your attention a situation which developed in Boy Scout Troop 12 this past week. I was informed of this by a letter from the boys, a copy of which is included for your perusal. I think it explains quite well the incident which occurred. Mr. Robert Russell, a systems analyst in the personnel department of The Univ. of Michigan has been our assistant Scoutmaster for the past several months. He is knowledgeable concerning scouting goals and acted in a proper manner until this past campout. However during that weekend he displayed very filthy pictures to some of the younger boys in an effort to excite them and coaxed several of them into his tent where he attempted to molest them. Upon

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[REDACTED]

talking the entire matter over with the boys.  
I told the Gessell we no longer wanted  
him connected to our troop. Our Troop  
Committee verified this decision. I  
would suggest that this man's name  
be kept on record in case he  
approaches other boy organizations  
suggesting his services.

Sincerely Yours

[REDACTED]

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Dear Sir:

Regarding to our last voyage into the unknown (Allegan), we have come across a small problem concerning a member of our troop, one Mr. Gessel. He is unfortunately a Homosexual and is performing some of his acts on our troop. THIS IS NOT A JOKE!

Some of our members (the older ones who would understand) feel that you should know, [REDACTED] had a few problems with him. You may already know this; if you do, it will make this much easier. So, if you can do something before there are some mutinies, it would be much appreciated. Please understand this is not your fault, the trip was a great success otherwise.

THANK YOU IMMENSELY,

I, J. I leave understand, we do not wish to hurt Mr. Gessel. He is very nice, but many members with whom we have spoken with, and ourselves, feel that the troop would be better off without such an influence. We also do not wish to embarrass [REDACTED] or make it hard for him, but we can hardly make such an accusation without concrete evidence. We're sorry, but we hope you understand.

*This letter was from our SPL and ASPL.*

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